

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A slide mechanism to connect a first member and a second member formed separately from each other to be slidable in one direction to form a closed state in which the first member and the second member overlap one another, and to form an opened state in which the top face of either member is exposed, said slide mechanism comprising:

a pair of a hinge device devices each provided with guide members attached on both sides of one of the first and second members and leaving a space for allowing the guide members to be exposed and to be movable forwardly and backwardly by being biased slidably in one direction;
~~a guide member on the tip attached to one side of either the first member or the second member, allowing the guide member to expose to be movable forward and backward by being biased slidably in one direction;~~

a guide groove provided on both sides of the other one of the first and second members, to guide the guide members of the hinge devices in an engaged state;

a recessed portion provided on each guide groove to receive and lock each guide member of the hinge devices at a selected slide position;
~~the other member out of the above-described first and second members to receive the guide member of the hinge device at a predetermined slide position; and~~

an engagement means to engage to prevent the first and second members
~~transmitter and the receiver~~ from separating.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A ~~portable phone and the~~ slide mechanism

according to claim 1, further comprising:

the first and second members being a respective transmitter and receiver of a portable phone;

[[a]] each hinge device comprising a hinge case, each guide member being a ball bearing slidably and rotatably mounted to one side of said hinge case in an engaging condition and in a protruding condition, the receiver being slidably inserted in said hinge case for receiving said guide member, and resilient means interposed between said hinge case and said receiver. ~~provided with a guide member attached on the front end of a hinge case installed on both sides of either one of the first member or the second member facing toward both sides of the other member, allowing the guide member to exposed to be movable forward and backward by being biased slidably in one direction;~~
~~—— a guide groove provided on the other member out of said first member and said second member to guide said guide member of the hinge device in an engaged state; and~~
~~—— an recessed portion to receive and lock the guide groove at an appropriate position of said guide groove.~~

Claim 3 (original): The slide mechanism according to claim 2, wherein said guide groove is disposed in a bent state so that the second member forms an obtuse angle with the first member when the first member and the second member are in an opened state.

Claim 4 (original): A portable phone, comprising:
a box of a transmitter composing a first member; and

a box of a receiver composing a second member separately,
wherein said portable phone forms a closed state covering the top face of said transmitter with said receiver, and an opened state of sliding said receiver in one direction from said transmitter to expose the top face thereof by connecting the transmitter and the receiver slidably to each other via the slide mechanism according to claim 1.

Claim 5 (original): The portable phone according to claim 4, wherein said guide groove is provided in a bent shape so that said receiver forms an obtuse angle with said transmitter by lifting a sliding tip end of the receiver slightly during sliding of said receiver when said transmitter and said receiver are in an opened state.

Claims 6-9 (canceled).